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# H. CON. RES. \_\_\_\_\_

Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to terminate the use of United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SLOTKIN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2        *concurring),*

3        **SECTION 1. TERMINATION OF USE OF UNITED STATES**  
4                                **ARMED FORCES TO ENGAGE IN HOSTILITIES**  
5                                **IN OR AGAINST IRAN.**

6        (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
7        ings:

1           (1) The Government of Iran is a leading state  
2 sponsor of terrorism and engages in a range of de-  
3 stabilizing activities across the Middle East. Iranian  
4 General Qassem Soleimani was the lead architect of  
5 much of Iran's destabilizing activities throughout the  
6 world.

7           (2) The United States has an inherent right to  
8 self-defense against imminent armed attacks. The  
9 United States maintains the right to ensure the  
10 safety of diplomatic personnel serving abroad.

11           (3) In matters of imminent armed attacks, the  
12 executive branch should indicate to Congress why  
13 military action was necessary within a certain win-  
14 dow of opportunity, the possible harm that missing  
15 the window would cause, and why the action was  
16 likely to prevent future disastrous attacks against  
17 the United States.

18           (4) The United States has national interests in  
19 preserving its partnership with Iraq and other coun-  
20 tries in the region, including by—

21                   (A) combating terrorists, including the Is-  
22 lamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS);

23                   (B) preventing Iran from achieving a nu-  
24 clear weapons capability; and

1 (C) supporting the people of Iraq, Iran,  
2 and other countries throughout the Middle East  
3 who demand an end to government corruption  
4 and violations of basic human rights.

5 (5) Over the past eight months, in response to  
6 rising tensions with Iran, the United States has in-  
7 troduced over 15,000 additional forces into the Mid-  
8 dle East. The killing of Iranian General Qassem  
9 Soleimani, as well as Iran's ballistic missile attack  
10 on Iraqi bases, risks significant escalation in hos-  
11 tilities between the United States and Iran.

12 (6) When the United States uses military force,  
13 the American people and members of the United  
14 States Armed Forces deserve a credible explanation  
15 regarding such use of military force.

16 (7) The War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C.  
17 1541 et seq.) requires the President to consult with  
18 Congress "in every possible instance" before intro-  
19 ducing United States Armed Forces into hostilities.

20 (8) Congress has not authorized the President  
21 to use military force against Iran.

22 (b) TERMINATION.—Pursuant to section 5(c) of the  
23 War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1544(c)), Congress  
24 hereby directs the President to terminate the use of  
25 United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or

1 against Iran or any part of its government or military,  
2 unless—

3 (1) Congress has declared war or enacted spe-  
4 cific statutory authorization for such use of the  
5 Armed Forces; or

6 (2) such use of the Armed Forces is necessary  
7 and appropriate to defend against an imminent  
8 armed attack upon the United States, its territories  
9 or possessions, or its Armed Forces, consistent with  
10 the requirements of the War Powers Resolution.

11 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
12 tion may be construed—

13 (1) to prevent the President from using military  
14 force against al Qaeda or associated forces;

15 (2) to limit the obligations of the executive  
16 branch set forth in the War Powers Resolution (50  
17 U.S.C. 1541 et seq.);

18 (3) to affect the provisions of an Act or joint  
19 resolution of Congress specifically authorizing the  
20 use of United States Armed Forces to engage in  
21 hostilities against Iran or any part of its government  
22 or military that is enacted after the date of the  
23 adoption of this concurrent resolution;

24 (4) to prevent the use of necessary and appro-  
25 priate military force to defend United States allies

1       and partners if authorized by Congress consistent  
2       with the requirements of the War Powers Resolu-  
3       tion; or  
4       (5) to authorize the use of military force.